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LETTER DATED 25 JULY 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the annexed letter, dated today, from His Excellency Mr. Alija Izetbegović, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIĆ
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Annex

Letter dated 25 July 1995 from the President of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The safe area of Zepa continues to be the subject of brutal attack. Owing to the incessant shelling, the population of this safe area has fled the town and is amassed in the neighbouring woods. I request that the evacuation of the civilian population be carried out under the full protection of the United Nations troops and that General Smith be allowed to use all means necessary, including the use of force, if these civilian convoys are attacked.

After having seen the collapse of the safe area of Srebrenica, and after you have failed to even attempt to defend Zepa, which you had declared a United Nations safe area, this rescue of women and children is a minimum commitment that we believe you are obliged to fulfil. The people of Zepa expect you to do so, without delay, unreservedly and unambiguously.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ
President